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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/662,396	WAKABAYASHI	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	George Nguyen	3723	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment filed on January 27, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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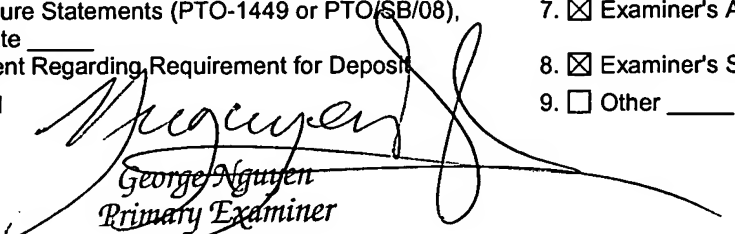
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date <u>Attached</u> .
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____	7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.


 George Nguyen
 Primary Examiner

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

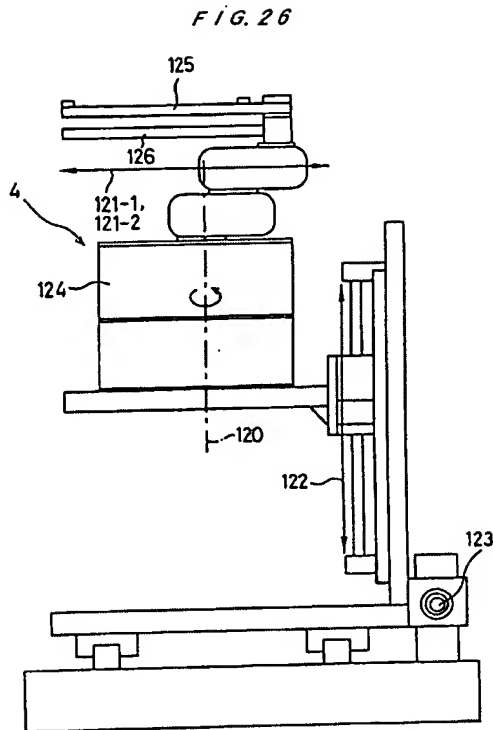
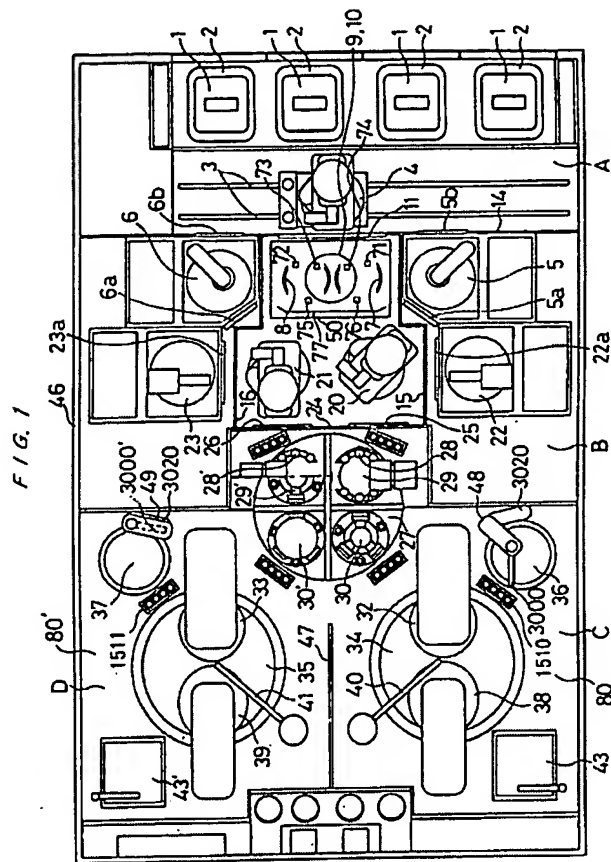
Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Nils E. Pedersen on March 11, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Canceled claims 6-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In claim 8, line 2, "cleaning devices" to "holding mechanism", and changed "holding mechanism" to "cleaning devices".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the specific limitations of "a plurality of holding mechanism ... holding the workpiece" in the combination as claimed in claim 1 are not anticipated nor made obvious by the prior art of record in the examiner's opinion. For example, with reference to Figures 1, 26, and 27 Sakurai discloses the claimed invention including: a) a polishing unit C/D; b) a cleaning unit B including a rotatable shaft 124 configured to be vertically movable; c) at least one holding mechanism 125; and d) a plurality of cleaning devices 22/5/6/23 scatteringly disposed about said rotatable shaft.



With reference to Figure 1, Pekosh'3,759,735 discloses an apparatus for cleaning the sealing land of a cathode ray tube faceplate panel. The apparatus in Figure 1 has a rotatable turret having six (6) radially extending support arms 1-6 and corresponding number of stationary operating stations I-VI respectively. The advantage of the apparatus is to avoid human errors.

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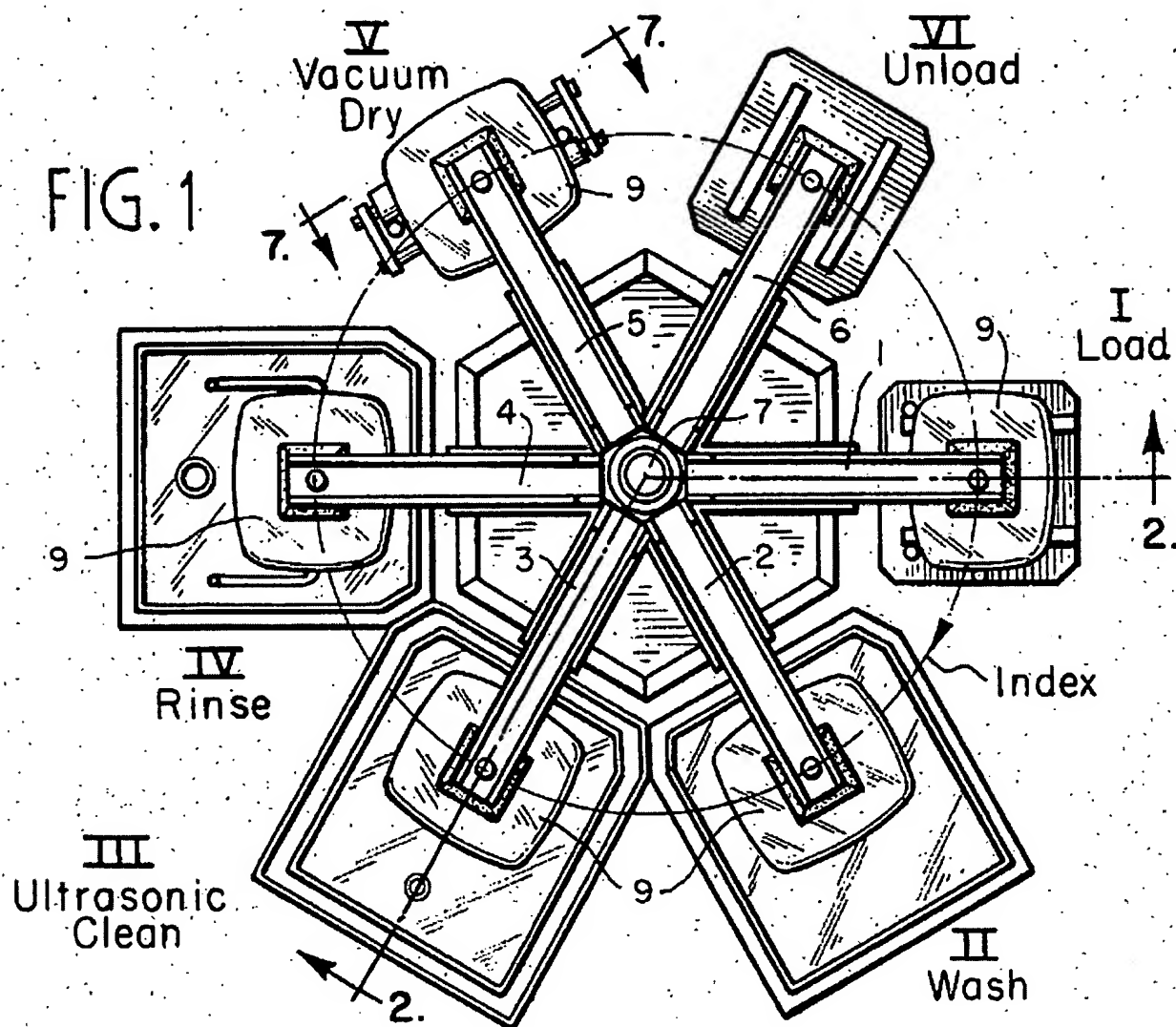
R. J. PEKOSH

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METHOD FOR CLEANING THE SEALING LAND OF A CATHODE
RAY TUBE FACEPLATE PANEL

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However, the prior art of record fails to provide or suggest the specific limitations of “a plurality of holding mechanism ... holding the workpiece” in the combination as claimed in claim 1 because, in accordance with MPEP 2143.02, the proposed combination

would change the principle of operation of the primary reference Sakurai. The proposed combination would require a substantial reconstruction and redesign of the elements shown in the Sakurai primary reference as well as a change in the base principle under which the Sakurai primary reference construction was designed to operate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4491. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday/630AM-300PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

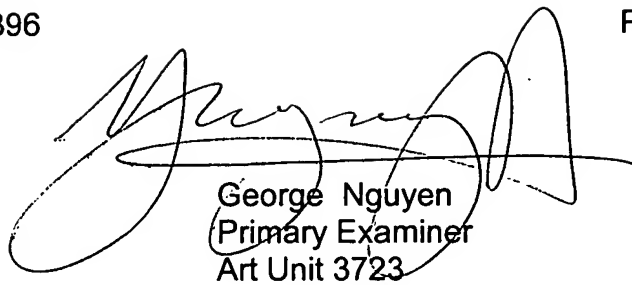
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